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Taylor's Job

WHILE THERE ARE MISGIVINGS in the Pentagon about the precise authority of Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, newly appointed presidential military advisor, they do not appear to be shared by the chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff.

News stories attribute "sources close to" Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer as saying he regards the Taylor appointment to be supplementary to, rather than infringing on, the powers of the JCS.

Let's hope it works out that way. One thing we can well do without is subsurface antagonisms among our military minds.

Certainly Mr. Kennedy could not have summoned from retirement a more informed military advisor, or one with a more incisive intelligence.

GEN. TAYLOR'S SERVICE AS COMMANDER of our Berlin garrison in 1949 and '50—immediately after the airlift—will be valuable in counseling the President on an effective military posture to meet the developing crisis there.

As head of a special committee he has already been assessing the functioning of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Cuban debacle, which points to his future value in that area.